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INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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TARGET AND ACHIEVEMENT OF FM RADIO STATIONS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed any target for establishing FM Radio Stations in the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so,the details thereof,location-wise, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has achieved the target in this regard;

(d) if so,the details thereof,if not, the reasons therefor,State-wise;and

(e) the number of FM Radio Stations proposed to be set up during the Eleventh Five Year Plan,State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS & INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, during the 10th Plan, Government had fixed a target for establishing 253 new All India Radio (AIR) FM stations (including 100 numbers of Low Power 100 Watt FM stations in the states of North Eastern Region and 50 numbers in other States) in the country. The details are given in the Annexure.

(c) AIR could not achieve the target fully.So far only 68 new FM Radio stations including 50 numbers 100 Watts stations have been set up.

(d) The main reasons for not achieving the target during the 10th Plan are delay in procurement of suitable site (land) at reasonable rates, non-sanction of fresh Operation & Maintenance staff for new stations and lengthy procedure for procurement of imported FM transmitters.

(e) The proposals have not yet been finalized.